

The Coast Guard's Information Sharing Process

In February 2003, The Coast Guard, National Response Center (NRC) and National Infrastructure Protection Center (NIPC) signed a MOU.



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Maritime ISAC The Partnership

Public

- Department of Homeland Security
- U. S. Coast Guard
- Federal, State & Local Law Enforcement
- Federal, State & Local Emergency Response Organizations
- Intelligence Organizations
- International Partners

Private

- Port Authorities
- Maritime Exchanges
- Facility Operators
- Vessel Owners & Operators
- Port Services & Support Organizations
- Labor
- Port Dependent & Interdependent Organizations



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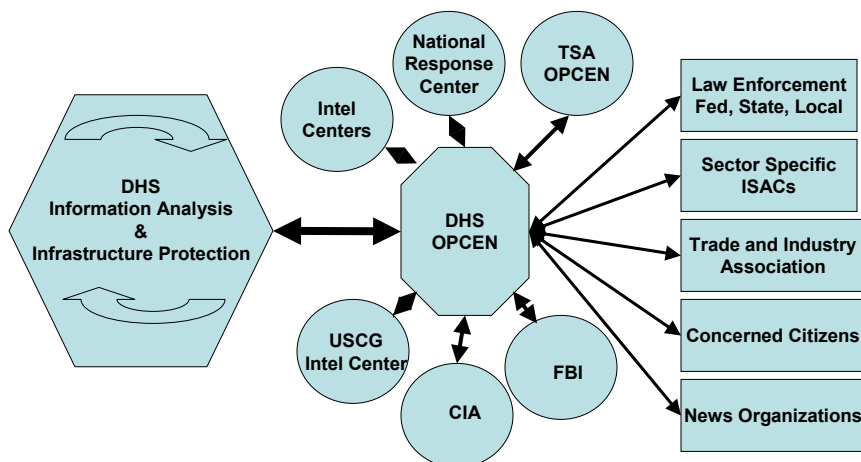


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DHS Information Flow



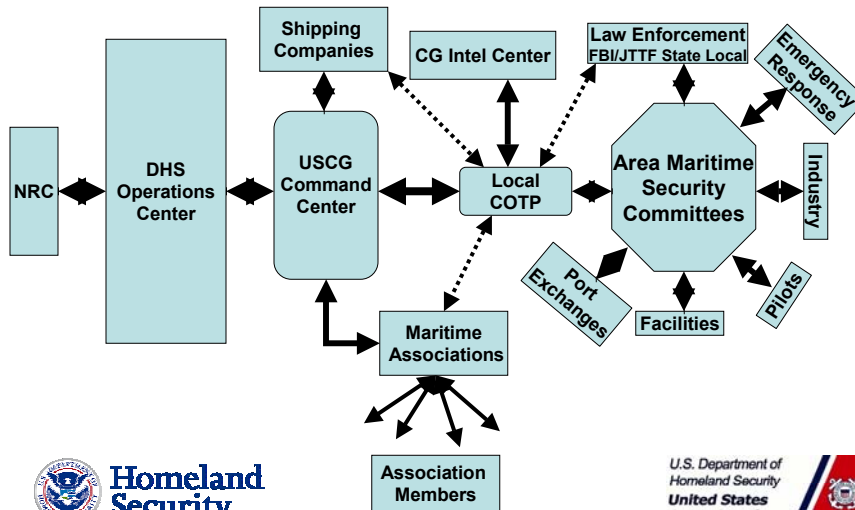
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Typical Information Flow



SENSITIVE INFORMATION IN THE MARITIME ENVIRONMENT



WHAT IS SENSITIVE INFO

FOUO ????????

SHSI ?????????

SSI ????????

LES ???????

PCII ??????????

CII ??????????



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COAST GUARD INFO PROCESSING

- Sensitive Security Information (SSI)
- For Official Use Only (FOUO)



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SENSITIVE SECURITY INFO IS

- Specific information that would be a detriment to transportation security if improperly released;
- information that would be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- or reveal a trade secret or privileged or confidential commercial or financial information



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CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

- Classification is reserved for specific categories of information as defined in E.O. 12958
- We must stress that classified information is not SSI and generally will not be released to industry
- The CG is developing a classification guide for maritime issues for use within the Department of Homeland Security
- Certain state, local, and industry partners will be designated for clearances by the COTPs



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SENSITIVE SECURITY INFORMATION (SSI)

- TSA's SSI regulation is 49 CFR Part 1520
- Coast Guard interpretation of the TSA reg is found in NVIC 10-04 (specific to the maritime community)
- See <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/nvic/index.htm> for a copy



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Examples of Maritime SSI

- Facility/Vessel Vulnerability Assessments
- Facility/Vessel Security Plans
- The Area Maritime Security (AMS) Plans
- Any vulnerability assessments in the AMS
- Specific details of your facility or vessel security response plans



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Handling SSI

- You must take **reasonable** steps to safeguard SSI
- SSI should only be shared with employees and contractors that have a **need to know**
- NVIC 10-04 provides guidance



“America’s Waterway Watch”

**Maritime Homeland Security
Outreach and Awareness
Program**

Family of Watch Programs





Program Summary

- Following 9-11, Coast Guard encouraged maritime stakeholders to report suspicious activity to the National Response Center
- Field units engaged in educating the public to report suspicious activity



Program Summary

- Approximately 34 local waterway watch programs have been started
- America's Waterway Watch is locally focused but nationally connected.

"America's Waterway Watch"





Central Reporting Information

The National Response Center

1-800-424-8802

Or 1-877-24-WATCH (9-2824)

*Local Law Enforcement
(Emergency Situations)*

911 or Ch-16 VHF-FM



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America's Waterway Watch is a national awareness program that asks those who work, live, or recreate on or near the water to be aware of suspicious activity that might indicate threats to our country's homeland security.

Americans are urged to adopt a heightened sensitivity toward unusual events or individuals they may encounter in or around ports, docks, marinas, riversides, beaches, or communities.

Anyone observing suspicious activity is simply asked to note details and contact the National Response Center's hotline at 800-424-8802 or 877-24WATCH.

For immediate danger to life or property call 9-1-1.

What is "suspicious activity"? Check inside.

To Report Suspicious Activities
Call the National Response Center

**800-424-8802
or
877-24WATCH**

For Immediate Danger
to Life or Property
911

Information Gathering Form

Date of incident _____
Time observed _____
Location _____
Incident observed _____

For More Information Please Visit
AmericasWaterwayWatch.org

For additional information contact:

The Department of Homeland Security and
U.S. Coast Guard ask you to take part in:

AMERICA'S WATERWAY WATCH

Help Keep
America's
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Safe and
Secure



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What to Look For


Be aware of suspicious activity, particularly near the locations listed to the right, including:

- People appearing to be engaged in surveillance of any kind (note taking, shooting video/photos, making sketches, or asking questions).
- People near critical facilities who do not fit the surrounding environment such as individuals wearing improper attire.
- Recovering or losing items into/onto the waterway or shoreline.
- Unattended vessels or vehicles in unusual locations.
- Lights flashing between boats.
- Unusual diving activity.
- Unusual number of people onboard.
- Unusual night operations.
- Operating in or passing through an area that does not typically have such activity.
- Missing fencing or lighting near sensitive locations.
- Anchoring in an area not typically used for anchorage.
- Transfer of people or things between ships/boats or between ship and shore.
- People showing uncommon interest in security measures, entry points or access controls.
- Individuals establishing businesses or roadside food stands near sensitive locations.
- Small planes flying over critical area.
- People attempting to buy or rent fishing or recreational vessels with cash for short-term, undefined use.

Where to Look

Watch for vessels and individuals in sensitive locations:

- Under and around bridges, tunnels, or overpasses.
- Near commercial areas or services like ports, fuel docks, cruise ships, or marinas.
- Near industrial facilities like power plants and oil, chemical, or water intake facilities.
- Near military bases and vessels, other government facilities, or security zones.



What to Do

Secure and lock your boat when not on board. Take the keys. Disable the engine on stored or trailered boats, and make sure the boat is not easily moved.

Do not approach or challenge anyone acting in a suspicious manner. Call the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, 877-24WATCH or 911.

America's coasts, rivers, bridges, tunnels, ports, ships, military bases, and waterside industries may be the terrorists' next targets.

Waterway security is better than ever.

But with more than 95,000 miles of shoreline, more than 200,000 square miles of water and approximately 70 million recreational boaters in the United States, the U.S. Coast Guard and local first responders can't do the job alone.

Many Americans have asked, "How can I help?"

This is how.



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AMERICA'S WATERWAY WATCH

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For Immediate Danger to Life or Property
911

For More Information, Visit
www.AmericasWaterwayWatch.org

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- Near military bases and vessels, other government facilities, or security zones.
- Near industrial facilities.

Be aware of activity around sensitive locations, such as:

- People appearing to be engaged in surveillance.
- Unattended vessels or vehicles. Vessels anchored where they shouldn't be.
- Lights flashing between boats.
- Missing fencing or lighting.
- Transferring of people or things between ships or boats.



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